



Town of Bunn

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LITTER -- Garbage, refuse and rubbish, as defined herein, and all other waste material which, if thrown or deposited as herein prohibited, tends to create a danger to public health, safety and welfare.

PARK -- A park, reservation, playground, beach, recreation center or any other public area in the City limits, owned or used by the City limits and devoted to active or passive recreation.

PRIVATE PREMISES -- Any dwelling, house, building or other structure, designed or used either wholly or in part for private residential purposes, whether inhabited or temporarily or continuously uninhabited or vacant, and shall include any yard, grounds, walk, driveway, porch, steps, vestibule or mailbox belonging to or appurtenant to such dwelling, house, building or other structure.

PUBLIC PLACE -- Any and all streets, sidewalks, boulevards, parking lots open to the public, parking areas open to the public, alleys and other public ways, and any and all public parks, squares, spaces, grounds and public buildings.

REFUSE -- All putrescible and nonputrescible solid wastes (except body wastes), including ashes, street cleanings, dead animals, abandoned automobiles, other abandoned personal property and solid market and industrial wastes.

RUBBISH -- Nonputrescible solid wastes consisting of both combustible and noncombustible wastes, such as abandoned circulars, leaflets, pamphlets, wrappers, handbills, newspapers and all and any other printed or nonprinted paper material, cigarettes, cardboard, tin cans, yard clippings, leaves, wood, glass and other similar materials.

Sweeping litter into gutters or streets prohibited.

No person shall sweep into or deposit in any gutter, street or other public place within the City limits the accumulation of litter from any building or lot or from any public or private sidewalk or driveway. Persons owning or occupying property shall keep the sidewalks, entrance walks, parking lots and parking areas in front of or upon their premises free of litter.

Throwing litter from vehicles prohibited.

No person, while a driver or passenger in a vehicle, shall throw or deposit litter upon any street or other public place within the city limits or upon private property.

Trucks to be so loaded as to prevent contents spilling.

No person shall drive, move or park any truck or other vehicle on public or private property within the city limits unless such vehicle is so constructed or loaded as to prevent any load contents or litter from being blown or deposited upon any public or private place.

Littering in fountain, pond, etc., prohibited.

No person shall throw or deposit litter in any fountain, pond, lake, stream, bay or any other body of water in a public place or elsewhere within the Town of Bunn.

Dropping litter from aircraft prohibited.

No person in any aircraft shall throw out, drop or deposit within the city limits any litter, handbill or any other object.

Depositing litter on occupied private property prohibited.

No person shall throw or deposit litter on any occupied private property within the City limits, whether owned by such person or not, except that the owner or person in control of private property may maintain authorized private receptacles for collection in such a manner that litter will be prevented from being carried or deposited by the elements upon any street, sidewalk or other public place or upon any private property.

Owner to maintain premises free of litter.

The owner or person in control of any private property shall at all times maintain the premises free of litter; provided, however, that this chapter shall not prohibit the storage of litter in authorized private receptacles for collection.

Receptacle Time Frame.

All Waste receptacles are to be removed within 48 hours after trash collection.

Depositing litter on vacant private property prohibited.

No person shall throw or deposit litter on any open or vacant private property within the City limits, whether owned by such person or not.

Shopping carts.

A. Any person providing to his/her customers or patrons shopping carts which, being mounted on wheels, are able to be moved off of the premises of such person, shall cause to be placed and maintained upon such shopping carts in a conspicuous manner the name of the owner thereof and shall likewise place and maintain thereon in such conspicuous manner a further notice reading as follows: "The removal of this cart from these premises is prohibited by law."

B. No person shall move, push or carry any shopping cart belonging to and bearing the name of another person or owner upon any street, sidewalk or other public place or private property other than the premises of the owner of the shopping cart.

C. The person operating a place of business which supplies his/her shopping carts for the use of his/her customers or patrons shall keep the sidewalk, parking lots and parking areas in front of or upon his/her business premises clear of such shopping carts by removing therefrom any shopping carts left thereon by his/her customers or patrons; provided, however, that he/she may, while his/her place of business is open, maintain in a suitable area not interfering with the ingress and egress of customers or patrons on foot or in automobiles a place for the orderly collection of shopping carts. No person using a shopping cart shall leave the same in any place outside of the premises of the owner than in the designated outside collection area.

Dumping prohibited.

A. It shall be unlawful for any person to discard or dump along any street or road, on or off any right-of-way, any solid waste, including but not limited to vehicle or vehicle parts, rubber tires, appliances, furniture, construction wastes or demolition wastes.

B. It shall be unlawful for any person to discard or dump on any property, public or private, or in any body of water any solid waste, including but not limited to vehicle or vehicle parts, rubber tires, appliances, furniture, construction wastes or demolition wastes or any manner of solid waste without the express written consent of the property owner, and then only in a litter receptacle or waste container designed for the express purpose of solid waste storage or disposal.

C. Open dumps are declared to be a nuisance, hazardous to human health and are prohibited. Leaf composting facilities operating in compliance with all applicable regulations and possessing all applicable permits or those operated by property owners or operators solely for the purpose of composting vegetative wastes produced on-site shall not be regulated by this chapter.

Open or overflowing waste disposal bins.

A. It shall be unlawful for any residential or commercial property owner to permit open or overflowing waste disposal bins, containers or litter receptacles on his or her property.

B. It shall be unlawful for any residential or commercial property owner to permit the presence of waste disposal bins, containers or litter receptacles in a manner which promotes or tends to promote the presence of any disease vector.

Construction sites.

It shall be unlawful for any owner, agent or contractor in charge of a construction or demolition site to permit the accumulation of litter before, during or after completion of any construction or demolition project. It shall be the duty of the owner, agent or contractor in charge of a construction site to furnish containers adequate to accommodate flyable or non-flyable solid waste at areas convenient to construction areas and to maintain and empty the receptacles in such a manner and with such a frequency as to prevent spillage of solid waste. The Construction Official or his/her designee shall also have the authority to enforce this chapter.

Violations and penalties.

A. Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this chapter or who shall fail to comply therewith or with any of the requirements thereof shall be punishable by a penalty of \$100.00.



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